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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT TO PORTUGAL

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED WITH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, MAY 16, THE DAY THE VICE PRESIDENT HAS AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS WITH THE PORTUGUESE. A SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR BARBOUR TO DISCUSS WITH VP MAY 4 FOLLOWS:

SATURDAY, MAY 14:

EVENING ARRIVE VIA MILITARY AIRCRAFT. NO
ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED.

SUNDAY, MAY 15:

DAY RESERVED FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL BUSINESS.

MONDAY, MAY 16:

9:00 A.M. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT EANES (WORKING
SESSION COVERING MILITARY TOPICS).

10:30 A.M. MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER SOARES (WORKING
SESSION COVERING ECONOMIC TOPICS).

12:00 A.M. CALL ON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT
FERNANDES.

1:00-3:00 P.M. LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE OF LISBON CARDINAL-
PATRIARCH.

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4:00 P.M. MEETING WITH PSD LEADERS.

4:45 P.M. MEETING WITH CDS LEADERS.

9:00 P.M. DINNER AT SINTRA PALACE OFFERED BY PRIME
MINISTER.

TUESDAY, MAY 17:

MORNING DEPART BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

2. AS I HAVE ADVISED, CARDINAL MEDEIROS WILL BE IN LISBON ON MAY 16 AS GUEST OF PORTUGAL'S CARDINAL-PATRIARCH. THE CARDINAL-PATRIARCH HAS ALREADY ISSUED INVITATIONS TO A LUNCH WHICH PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER HAVE ACCEPTED. I COULD GIVE A SEPARATE LUNCH FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT AT THE RESIDENCE WITH EITHER (A) ECONOMIC LEADERS, (B) MILITARY FIGURES, OR (C) AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS. HOWEVER, IN TERMS OF IMPACT ON THE LOCAL SCENE AND GREATER CONTACT WITH TOP GOP AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP, I SUGGEST VICE PRESIDENT ATTEND CARDINAL-PATRIARCH'S LUNCH FOR CARDINAL MEDEIROS. WHILE IT MAY NOT FOLLOW STRICT LINES OF PROTOCOL THIS WOULD BE A HIGHLY FLATTERING GESTURE IN A SOLIDLY CATHOLIC COUNTRY. MOREOVER, CARDINAL-PATRIARCH IS RECOGNIZED AS A PROGRESSIVE FIGURE. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS POSSIBILITY INFORMALLY WITH MARIO SOARES WHO THINKS IT IS THE BEST ALTERNATIVE. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT MEET WITH NATO AMBASSADORS TO INDICATE TO THEM HIGH LEVEL USG SUPPORT FOR GOP ECONOMIC EFFORT. WITH ONE OR TWO EXCEPTIONS, ALL ARE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD LOAN PROGRAM AND WOULD SEND SUPPORTIVE TELEGRAMS BACK TO THEIR CAPITALS. THIS COULD BE ARRANGED SEPARATELY AT THE RESIDENCE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH CDS LEADERS OR AT SINTRA PALACE PRIOR TO DINNER.

4. IF THE VICE PRESIDENT WISHES, WE CAN ALSO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY PRIOR TO THE DINNER. OR WE CAN LEAVE TIME FREE FOR BREATH CATCHING.

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5. FSO RICHARD H. MELTON (OFFICE TEL: 555141/9; HOME TEL: 247-0275) WILL ACT AS CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN WORKING OUT DETAILS TO KNOW WHO WITHIN S/S WILL BE BACKSTOPPING THE TRIP TO PORTUGAL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE REACTION TO PROPOSED SCHEDULE, INCLUDING PREFERENCE RE POSSIBLE MEETING WITH AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
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